

Listing and Amendment of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for indicating a current loading status of a removable media device provided for being loaded with at least one removable medium associated with a characteristic feature, and the removable media device being connectable to a device for reading and/or writing AV storage media, comprising:

detecting connection or disconnection of the removable media device;

updating the current loading status of the removable media device in case a connection or disconnection of the removable media device is detected;

checking whether a type of user input is related to the removable media device upon occurrence of user input, wherein the user input is not generated by the connection or disconnection of the removable media device;

keeping the current loading status of the removable media device if the type of user input is not related to the removable media device;

checking whether a characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium loaded in the removable media device has changed, if the type of user input is related to the removable media device;

keeping the current loading status of the removable media device if the characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium loaded in the removable media device has not changed; and

updating the current loading status of the removable media device if the characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium loaded in the removable media device has changed.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the characteristic feature is an identifier of the at least one removable medium.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein user input types related to the removable media device are one or more of input command to enter removable media device sub-menu, input command to navigate within a removable

media device sub-menu, input command to access a removable medium, and input command that generally is preceding an access to a removable medium.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein checking whether a characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium has changed is performed repeatedly in case an error status has been detected.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein identifiers of all removable media of a multiscard reader type media device are checked.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein, for a multiscard reader type media device the file structure of all inserted removable media is read and assembled to a single file structure.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for reading and/or writing AV storage media comprising:

- a connector for a removable media device having at least one removable medium, the removable medium having a characteristic feature, the removable media device associated with a current loading status;

- a user input device that receives user input; and

- a controller that

- detects connection or disconnection of the removable media device,

- updates the current loading status of the removable media device in case a connection or disconnection of the removable media device is detected,

- checks whether a type of user input is related to the removable media device upon occurrence of user input, wherein the user input is not generated by the connection or disconnection of the removable media device,

checks for a change in the characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium loaded in the removable media device when the type of user input is related to the removable media device, and

updates the current loading status of the removable media device when the characteristic feature of the at least one removable medium loaded in the removable media device is changed.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus in claim 8₁ wherein the characteristic feature is an identifier of the removable medium.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus in claim 8₁ wherein the user input includes an input command to enter a removable media device's sub-menu, an input command to navigate within a removable media device's sub-menu, an input command to access a removable medium, and an input command that precedes access to a removable medium.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 8, wherein the controller checks whether a characteristic feature of the removable medium has been changed is repeated in case an error status has been detected.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 8, wherein the removable media device is a multiscard removable media device; and wherein the controller checks identifiers of all removable media of the multiscard removable media device.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus in claim 8, wherein the removable media device is a multiscard removable media device; and wherein the controller reads file structures of all inserted removable media and assembles them into a single file structure.